

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Arts Competition will take place on Thursday, April 1, 2010, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, CT.

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## **LARSON TO HOST THE 2010 CONGRESSIONAL ARTS COMPETITION**

**Hartford, CT**-U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) is pleased to announce that the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Arts Competition will take place on Thursday, April 1, 2010, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, CT. The competition gives students an opportunity to enter their artwork to receive a \$6,000 scholarship to the prestigious Savannah College of Art and Design, and will have their work displayed within the U.S. Capitol for the entire year of the exhibition.

Congressman Larson has sent letters to the Art Directors in every First Congressional District high school encouraging their students to participate. The competition is open to high school students only, however exceptions will be made for schools that have 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades on one campus. Artwork must be matted and does not need to be framed.

Students interested in participating in the Congressional Arts Competition, must deliver artwork for submissions to Congressman Larson's District Office at 221 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in Hartford on March 29<sup>th</sup>

March 30<sup>th</sup>

or March 31<sup>st</sup>

between 9:00am and 5:30pm with the student release form completed and signed.

To obtain a student release form or for additional information regarding the competition, please contact Lisa Perrone in Larson's Office by phone at (860) 278-8888 or by email at [lisa.perrone@mail.house.gov](mailto:lisa.perrone@mail.house.gov)

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The Congressional Arts Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

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